



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
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**Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK TO THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-2471)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Excused: Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-2472)

Call to Order. (16-2331)

**Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

**Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the May 4, 2016 Minutes. (16-2428)

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Percy Duran III and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-2440)

Chairperson Bigby reported that she attended the Review Conference with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Human Services Network dba Youth Services Network Group Home and it was very successful. The conference gave them the opportunity to discuss many issues that have been observed and reported during inspections to the group home. A verbal corrective action plan was given to the group home directors and she will follow-up with the Department representatives at the next business meeting.

Commissioner Montaña shared the following articles with the Commission:

- What Took So Long, Sheriff McDonnell? (May 5, 2016)
- Violent Child Deaths Fall, But Youth Suicide Rises (May 10, 2016)
- Two L.A. County Sheriff's Deputies Sentenced For Beating Handcuffed Inmate (May 10, 2016)

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-2441)

**There was no report presented.**

4. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from May 5, 2016 to May 10, 2016. (16-2442)

**During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Bigby visited:**

- Hillside Home for Children (Hill Ave., Pasadena, CA) on May 6, 2016 and reported that no one was home.

**Commissioners Andrews and Montaña visited:**

- Optimist - San Fernando (Wolfskill St., Mission Hills, CA) on May 5, 2016.
- Penny Lane #9 (North Hollywood, CA) on May 9, 2016.
- Pacific Lodge (Serrania Ave., Woodland Hills, CA) on May 10, 2016.

**During the reporting period, the following group home/facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:**

**Commissioner Bhatia visited:**

- Eggleston Youth Center (Waco St., Baldwin Park, CA) on May 10, 2016 and reported that the kitchen needs deep cleaning and the

were unsatisfactory.

**Chairperson Bigby and Commissioners Zhen, Bhatia and Duran visited:**

- **Men's Central Jail - Inmate Visitors Reception Center (Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA) on May 5, 2016 and reported that a town hall meeting was held for the families of inmates and the following concerns were expressed:**
  - **Visitor wait times are extremely long**
  - **Disabled individuals also wait for a long time and are not accommodated**
  - **The deputies are rude to visitors**
  - **Some visitors travel for hours by public transportation for hours and wait for hours to see their loved one or do not get to see them at all**
  - **The deputies are handwriting passes which takes longer**
  - **The computer system is outdated and non-effective**

5. Report from the Sybil Brand Commission's Ad-Hoc Committees. (16-2443)

**The following item was continued to the May 25, 2016 meeting.**

**III. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Matters Not Posted**

6. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-2444)

**The following item was introduced for discussion and is to be placed on the May 25, 2016 CW agenda:**

- **Discussion on Sheriff's response from the letter regarding the Century Regional Detention Center**

**Public Comment**

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-2445)

**Dr. Kofi-Charu Nat Turner was present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

8. Adjournment for the meeting of May 11, 2016. (16-2446)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of May 11, 2016 at 11:29 a.m.**